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CANVASSING BOARD DENIES PETITION

Could Find No Precedent That Would Authorize a Recount.

STATUTE IS NOT APPLICABLE

Petition is Denied Because the Legislature is Sole Judge of the Election of Its Own Members.

For the first time in the history of the county a petition for a recount of ballots was filed with the county board of canvassers. The vote for representative in the state legislature was exceedingly close, the exact figures, as returned by the several election inspectors, being Weidenfeller, republican, 2315; Simpson, democrat, 2290, and Knoles, progressive, 2289, thus giving Mr. Weidenfeller a plurality of but 16 votes over his democratic competitor who, himself, had a plurality over his progressive opponent of only 10 votes.

Lawyers Free and Cavanaugh appeared before the board in behalf of the petitioner and Prosecutor Elect Burhans appeared as the legal adviser of the board and opposed granting the prayer of the petitioner.

After listening to the arguments and taking time for due deliberation, the board denied the prayer of the petitioner and refused to enter upon the matter of a recount.

The particular precincts which the petitioner desired to have investigated were the townships of Bloomingdale, Columbia, Bangor, Hartford, Lawrence, Paw Paw and Antwerp.

It is due, perhaps to Mr. Simpson and his friends that the reasons for turning down his petition should be made public. A casual reading of the statute providing for a recount of ballots would seem to make it the duty of the canvassers to comply with the prayer of the petitioner, but the supreme court of the state has construed the law otherwise.

In the case of Weston vs. Probate Judge, 69 Mich., 600, and Naumann and Aldrich vs. Board of City Canvassers, the supreme court refused to issue a writ of mandamus ordering a recount for the reason that the common council was the sole judge of the election, qualification and return of its own members.

In Wheeler vs. County Canvassers, 94 Mich., 448, a case which is on "all fours," as the lawyers say, with the matter that was brought before the board by Mr. Simpson, the same doctrine is laid down by the court. This was a case where a recount was sought of the votes cast for state senator. In Pound vs. Board of Canvassers of Wayne county, 129 Mich., 181, the court refused a recount for the reason that the office involved, circuit judge, was a state office and that the statute did not apply to state officers.

In Attorney General, ex-rel. Peers, 155 Mich., 44, a canvass of votes case for state senator, was denied for the reason that the legislature is the sole judge of the election and qualifications of its own members.

It will be seen that there is an unbroken line of decisions that sustain the action of the board in refusing to order a canvass of ballots and not a single case to the contrary can be cited from the reports of the court.

For two reasons the board felt compelled to take the course it did. 1st—Because the legislature is the sole arbiter of the question. 2nd—Because a representative is a state officer and the statute is not applicable to such officials. Had it been a county office that was in question, the board would have been obliged to proceed, even if a recount of every precinct in the county had been involved.

O. W. ROWLAND,
Chairman of Board.

FIRST OF SERIES.

The first number on the lecture course of the winter was an entertainment by Laurant, the magician, Thursday of last week. This performance was far above the average, and delighted the large audience. While we were expecting to be astonished—we were amazed at his clever deceptions.

Mr. Laurant is a scholar, a gentleman who has acquired polish and a pleasing manner from travel and education.

We have been assured by the lecture course committee of a splendid series for our winter entertainment and the first number proves beyond a doubt that they know whereof they speak. The next number will be the Kellogg-Haines Singing Party, Nov. 27.

COURT ADJOURNED.

The October term of the circuit court adjourned Thursday evening. The jury was discharged on Saturday of last week, the attention of the court being confined to chancery cases during the present week. Judge Des Voignes will leave for his home in Cassopolis today in order to be present at the opening of the November term of court for Cass county next Monday.

O. E. S. MEETING AT BLOOMINGDALE

County Association Holds Its Annual Meeting for Election of Officers. Large Number Present.

The county association of O. E. S. was held at Bloomingdale last Thursday. Quite a number of the Paw Paw chapter attended and gave glowing accounts of the success that it proved to be. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Nellie Lewis, Bangor; vice-pres., Mrs. Pearl Pritchard, Decatur; sec. and treas., Mrs. Velda Linton, Bloomingdale; marshal, Miss Luta Thayer, Gobielville; chap., Miss Margaret Heistand, Mattawan. Mrs. Melina Maxson, the associate grand matron was present at this meeting. An initiation was one of the features. The floral degree which was an entirely new form was given by Bangor members and was very beautiful, made so by the perfect accomplishment of the work. The association accepted an invitation from South Haven lodge to meet with them next year, and enjoy a June picnic.

Dinner was served and enjoyed by all. Stars are unusually brilliant at about this time always and it is said that the illumination at this particular period was beyond description. An orchestra furnished music which added to the pleasure of the occasion.

AN ODD BUNCH SURPRISED FRANK

Paw Paw Odd Fellows Visit Frank Labadie, Who Has Many Surprises Coming.

About 30 "comical chaps" took a junket in wagons to the home of Frank Labadie two miles west of town last Tuesday night and surprised the gentleman in numerous ways. He was surprised to see the bunch, surprised at the beautiful ring which was given him by his brother Odd Fellows to remind him of his 51st birthday, and wondered what lamp had been rubbed to produce the splendid supper that was served his guests at so short a notice.

Cards and music was the way the evening was spent and congratulations to the host upon leaving, with many hearty wishes for more social gatherings of this kind brought the evening to a close.

MUSICAL PROGRAM FOR COMING RECITAL

Mme. Rosa d'Erika Will Render Fine Musical Program for Benefit of Catholic Church.

Following is the program for the recital to be given by Mme. Rosa D'Erika for the benefit of St. Mary's church, November 29.

FIRST PART
(a) Sacred Aria, "Ave Maria," Selected
(b) Music of Italy, "Il Bacio," Arditi
(c) Serio Comic Song, "How to Ask and Have."

Mme. Rosa D'Erika
(a) Music of Germany, "Widmung," Schuman
(b) Music of France "Ma Normandie"
(c) Music of Scotland, "Annie Laurie"

DUET
(d) Comic Song, "The Low-Backed Car," Lover
Mr. G. R. Vantom

Grand Duet from "Trovatore," "Mira di Acherbe," Verdi
Mme. Rosa D'Erika and Mr. Vantom

SECOND PART
(a) Music of Ireland, Organ Fantasia on Irish Airs, introducing Marches, Planxties, etc. and the Old March of Brian Boru, composed A. D. 1014, on the eve of the battle of Clontarf.

(b) Irish Melody, "The Harp That Once," Moors
(c) Special Number, Selected

Mme. Rosa D'Erika
(a) Ancient English Songs "Young Herchard," 17th Century.
(b) Ancient Irish Song, "My Love Nell," 19th Century.

(c) Serio Comic Song, "Phil, the Fluter's Ball," 19th Century.
Mr. G. R. Vantom

Music of America, "Home Sweet Home," with vivid pianoforte imitation of a storm at sea, composed by Mme. D'Erika while crossing the Atlantic.

During the evening, several humorous sketches will be introduced by Mr. Vantom.

I. O. O. F. THANKSGIVING PARTY
The annual Thanksgiving Dancing party of the I. O. O. F. will be held at the I. O. O. F. hall on Thursday evening, November 23. Duin's orchestra will furnish the music. Concert from 8:15 to 9:00. Dancing following the concert. Party for members of the order and their families. Not public.

ONLY ONE WEEK TO DECIDE

Contest Closes Saturday Evening, November 30. Seven Days Remain in Which to Win.

IMPORTANT AS TO CLOSING

Last Chance to Help Deserving Friends Win \$600 in Beautiful Prizes. Last Week Will Witness Whirlwind Finish of Great Contest. Never Again Will You Have Such Opportunity.

Final Vote Offers

8,000 extra votes for \$ 15 in subs.
25,000 " " " 30 in subs.
48,000 " " " 50 in subs.
75,000 " " " 75 in subs.
110,000 " " " 100 in subs.

1,000 votes for each new sub.
This is the final extra vote offer.
It remains to the close. No more will be given.

Intense interest on the part of the public and wonderful activity among the contestants mark the closing days of the big contest.

The race is close, very close. The result is as much in doubt now as it was at the very beginning. A few thousand votes either way will determine the leadership. The work this week will seal the fate of every ambitious worker. Whether you stand high or low depends upon what you do in the next seven days. This is unavoidable. The race throughout has been close. First one had a small advantage, then others, by extraordinary effort, would forge ahead and change the order of things. That your position to-day is high is no safe guarantee that it will be the same at the close. Hustle will bring results and results will win.

Thus it has been from the start, and thus it is at the moment of going to press with this issue of The True Northerner. The contest editors wish to extend every legitimate aid to the workers that lies in their power. At this time the best service they may render is to extend you the value of their experience—what they have learned through years in the work—the importance of heeding their advice. There are always some in a contest who are inclined to give up—who think they have reached the limit, and when the votes are counted they learn to their sorrow how easily different the result would have been had they heeded the advice. They learn too late that others took advantage of every remaining hour of the closing week and won.

And now, my friends, the last golden opportunity is here. Years will roll around before you have another like it. It will be a long time before men will come to your town, pick the cream from the stocks of your merchants and offer it to you as prizes, without cost and without price. The universal expression is: "What beautiful prizes; how I wish I could own one of them!"

List of Contestants.

District No. 1.—Paw Paw.

Miss Marion Mutchler	22,670
Miss Esther Stevenson	21,585
Miss Clara Luther	19,280
Miss Maple Clemente	18,875

District No. 2.

Miss Marion Pierce, Paw Paw, R. F. D. No. 1	22,145
Miss Edna Owens, Bloomingdale, R. D. 2	21,875
Mrs. Lee Ballance, Paw Paw, R. F. D. No. 3	21,425
Mrs. C. L. Bowen, Oshtemo	20,500
Miss Grace Burlington, Lawton, R. F. D. No. 1	20,475
Miss Harriet Klett, Hartford, R. F. D. No. 2	19,325
Mrs. M. T. Kellogg, Lawton	18,875
Miss Lydia Butcher, Lawrence	18,775
Miss Gail Hunt, Mattawan	17,700
Miss Iva Tyler, Lacota	16,975
Miss Lillian Hazzard, Decatur	14,200
Mrs. Ed. Fritz, Gobielville	14,825
Mr. Winfield F. Plumb	9,440

TRY ONE AND SEE.

Frank Sage, who has had a tent hamburger stand on the corner of Main and Kalamazoo streets during the summer, has decided to cater to his customers during the winter also. He has built a little house to take the place of the canvas and has painted it white outside and a pretty blue and white interior. It is quite attractive to look at and what could be more welcome than a hot lunch with coffee when one is out late at night and the north wind is watching for you to come around the corner?

Hotel de Hamburger is a good place to stop. Take a look at it and you will become one of its many patrons.

SHEPARD-MONROE.

Miss Jane A. Shepard of Paw Paw and William I. Monroe of Lawrence were married at the home of the bride's parents last Wednesday evening, Rev. C. A. Salyer officiating. The families of the young people were the only ones present.

INTERESTING PROGRAM.

"Peter Pan" was given at the Coterie last Wednesday afternoon. This popular melodrama was presented pleasingly by Mrs. Fannie Woodman; and while the stage setting used by Maude Adams was not attempted, life in "The Never-Never Land" was vividly portrayed.

Mrs. Imogene Burke introduced the author of this fairy tale, Mr. James Mathew Barrie, to the ladies giving many interesting facts about "the little dark man of Thrums," the wealthiest of modern writers.

There will be no meeting of the Coterie next week owing to the Thanksgiving vacation.

ANNA E. BROOKS.

Mrs. Anna E. Brooks, wife of George Brooks, died at her home in Alma, Saturday, November 16. The funeral was held at the residence Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Luther officiating. She was a woman of excellent character, greatly beloved in her family and by a large circle of friends.

GIVE PASTOR A FINE RECEPTION

Almena M. E. Church and Its Friends Entertain Their Pastor, Rev. A. T. Luther and Family.

The church and friends of Almena gave a royal reception to Pastor Luther and family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Miner last Friday night. J. H. Jowett in a short speech told of the worth of the church and Sunday school to a community and asked for a united and sincere co-operation of pastor and people that a rich spiritual blessing might come upon all.

Mr. Miller gave a short talk on "Our Country's Growth and the Foreign Problem," which was very interesting and suggestive.

Mr. Davall recited "No Cross and no Crown," and there were others who took part in the program.

Mrs. C. H. Bolinger, on behalf of the members and friends of the church, voiced a most hearty welcome to the pastor and his family for another year.

Refreshments were served, after which Rev. Mr. Luther expressed his appreciation of the manifest good will and love which had been shown him by the church at Almena. He also thanked all the friends for himself and family or the generous supply of vegetables, fruits and other good things, the gift of the evening.

CELEBRATE THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Progressive Farmers' Club Gathers at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cummings for Feast.

The word "Progressive", adopted by Roosevelt for his new party, is not original as it has been in active use for the last quarter of a century by a farmers' club, who celebrated their 25th anniversary at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cummings last Thursday.

The roll call and dinner (speaking of dinner, it was a feast, and the tables, instead of groaning, simply sobbed) were followed by a program, in which a paper by M. H. Pugsley covering the club's history and the efficient work of its members during its quarter of century life, was a corker. Jason Woodman gave an outline of his work in improving agricultural conditions, and short talks by the members, closed the session.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Thursday, November 28, is Designated as a Day of Thanksgiving by Gov. Chase S. Osborn.

Another year has been added to the golden scroll of Michigan. Our people have been the recipients of God's bounty, his mercy and his love. The state has been spared famine and pestilence. There has been a wholesome awakening of the public conscience. Civic ideals were never clearer and higher. Our people have an increased reverence for the laws of God and man. Every fibre of heart and head thrills with gratefulness to the Divine Father.

Therefore, I Chase S. Osborn, Governor of Michigan, for the people of this state, having in mind those manifold blessings of God, do proclaim Thursday the twenty-eighth day of November as a day of feasting and prayer and thanksgiving to God for his goodness, his protection and his direction.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, this eighth day of November, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and twelve, and of the Commonwealth the seventy-sixth.

Chase S. Osborn, Governor.
Frederick C. Martindale Sec. of State.

BEHIND THE BARS.

B. L. Sowle went to Jackson, Thursday morning for the purpose of placing Wm. Campbell, the Lawton barber who made a murderous assault upon Guy Exceen of that place, inside prison walls. He was sentenced to from three to 15 years, with a recommendation of six years.

Campbell is a man who has a good trade and was a splendid workman, but through habits of dissipation became a physical wreck. He is a dangerous character and the community is better off than before his departure.

LEFT FOR HOME.

Mrs. David Hughes and little daughter Harriett left here last Friday morning for their home in Bismark, N. Dak. They have been at the home of Mrs. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Felter, for a number of months.

EXPRESSES THANKS TO PARTY FRIENDS

Mr. Musselman Shows His Appreciation for Support Given.

THERE ARE NO SORE SPOTS

Will Support the New Administration to the Best of His Ability as Private Citizen.

To Michigan electorate:—

Although the official canvass of the votes cast November 5 is not yet available, it is generally understood Prof. Woodbridge N. Ferris has been elected governor of Michigan.

It seems entirely proper to at this time express my profound gratitude to those citizens of Michigan who stood by me so nobly in this election. There was a combination of circumstances beyond my control and for which I was not responsible, that made a victory for me seemingly impossible. Our party was hopelessly divided and with many, a man who supported the entire republican ticket was committing an unpardonable offense. Yet it is generally admitted a good fight was made, and I wish to assure you I came out of it without any soreness or bitterness. I fought fairly and the best I know how and have no regrets or apologies to offer for my course during the campaign. I was treated fairly by almost everyone and have only the kindest feeling toward my successful rival. He is entitled to the support of all good citizens in every effort he may make that is for the best interests of the people.

At this time I wish particularly to express my gratitude for the uniform courtesy shown me by the newspapers of the state. With few exceptions they were "fair." The inspiration of these few was not difficult to discern.

While our party was divided in this campaign and while the position I occupied was often misrepresented, no person who heard me speak could have possibly misunderstood me. I took my stand for the whole republican ticket and held it to the end, and while I am not to be your governor, I am deeply interested in the great work that awaits the new administration, and as a private citizen will serve our state to the extent of my ability.

The majority of our party is thoroughly progressive, and this element has been in control in our legislatures for the past eight years, even if not in our conventions. I am convinced it is now the duty of those who love our grand old party to seek by every honorable means to unite the level headed man of both wings, and to that end I am ready and willing to lend whatever influence I possess, because I believe the work of the republican party is not finished. It has ever been the party of progress, and the future will show that its fundamental principles are sound and their application to the affairs of our nation essential to its best development.

The past campaign was a remarkable one. Certainly unlike any preceding it, within my recollection. Because a man could not feel as many of his friends did toward the head of his ticket, he was frankly told support would be withheld. So it became a matter of conscience with the majority of both wings of our party and brought disaster to some of us. It would be foolish to say I am not disappointed, as I coveted the opportunity to work out many reforms I believe possible. I should like to have been your governor, but it was not to be, and I accept the verdict of the people cheerfully. Only one of the three candidates could be elected, and I rejoice in the fact that the campaign on the part of the candidates themselves was a clean, honorable one, with personalities eliminated.

Therefore, I have heartily congratulated Prof. Ferris and assured him of my earnest wishes for a splendid administration.

AMOS S. MUSSELMAN.
November 18, 1912.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB.

The Fellowship club was entertained Wednesday evening, at the home of Daniel and Harold Spicer. The program for the evening consisted of a paper by Mrs. Clara S. A. Rennie on "The Women of the Bible" and was a splendid contribution to the educational part of the program, dealing as it did with strong characters who helped to make the world's early history.

Lyman North furnished a double number of vocal music which was rendered in his pleasing manner.

Miss Frieda Snow responded in her acceptable style to the call for instrumental music. It was an enjoyable evening, as all Fellowship evenings are and the club always have a fairly good attendance despite other attractions which appear occasionally on the same date.